

WAC 296-307-45515 Provide bottom drains.

- Exemption:** A bottom drain is not required if:
- The viscosity of the liquid makes it impractical to empty the tank by gravity or pumping
- OR**
- The dip tank has an automatic closing cover that meets the requirements of WAC 296-307-45530.

You must:

- Provide a bottom drain on all dip tanks that hold more than five hundred gallons of liquid
- Make sure the bottom drain:
 - Is properly trapped
 - Will empty the dip tank during a fire
 - Has pipes large enough to empty the tank within five minutes
 - Uses automatic pumps if gravity draining is not practical
 - Is capable of both manual and automatic operation
 - Discharges to a safe location.

- Note:** Discharges to a safe location could be a:
- Safe location outside the building
- OR**
- Closed, properly vented salvage tank or tanks that can hold more than the dip tank.

You must:

- Make sure manual operation of the bottom drain is performed from a safe and easily accessible location.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, and 49.17.060. WSR 03-10-068, § 296-307-45515, filed 5/6/03, effective 8/1/03.]